

K E N T U C K E G A Z E T T E

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JUST OPENING

BY
THOMAS JANUARY;
At his Store, in LEXINGTON, the corner of Main
and Cross Streets, and directly opposite the Court-
house.

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF

GOODS.

Amongst which are,
SECOND, third and coarse cloths.
Coating and corduroy.
Shalloons, callimancoes moreens & poplin.
Irish linnen.
Beaver and wool hats.
Knives and forks.
Needles and pins.
Copper sauce-pans,
Wool and cotton cards.
Pen and cutteau knives.
Pewter.
Fine and coarse-tooth combs.
Saddlery ware.
3d. red. 12d. & 20d. nails,
Alum, coppars and brimstone.
Tea, coffee, pepper and loaf sugar.
Wine, Jamaica spirits.
Assorted china and queens ware,
with a variety of other articles too tedious
to enumerate, which he proposes
to sell for cash.



FOR SALE

About one thousand acres of land within
six miles of Lexington, and seven hun-
dred and fifty near B. urban court house,
the titles are indubitable and, the quality
equal to any in the District. Enquire
of the printer.

FOR SALE

A tract of land containing 1400 acres
on the waters of the north fork of
Licking, lying on the road from Lime-
stone to the lower blue licks; being
Mays settlement and preemption and in-
cludes Mays lick, good bonds on persons
in this district or on persons in the Eastern
part of Virginia will be received in pay-
ment, and I will warrant the title.
HARRY INNES

* The Partnership of John and Fielding Brad-
ford, is this day dissolved by mutual consent; there-
fore all persons indebted to them, are requested to
make immediate payment, that they may be enabled
to close their accounts. They flatter themselves that
nothing more than this information is necessary, to
induce every person in arrears, to comply with their
request.
J. & F. BRADFORD.

Lexington, June 3 1788.

N. B. The Printing business will be continued by
the public's most obliged, and very humble servant,
JOHN BRADFORD.

Lexington, June 3 1788.

FIVE POUNDS

REWARD,

RAN away from the subscriber at Lex-
ington, the 15th of June, two negro
men named Jim and Lewis, they are
nearly of one size, about five feet six
or eight inches high, stout, well made health-
y looking fellows, and very black com-
plexions, between twenty and thirty years
old: they were bred to the carpenters bu-
siness, at which one is a very good and
handy fellow; the other a good sawyer,
and awkward at any other part of the bu-
siness, they have their last winters suit of
cloaths that are much worn, and some old
cloth that have been worn by myself of a
brown and black colour: As they were
lately moved from Cumberland county in
Virginia, they may endeavour to pass
through the wilderness to the place of
their nativity. I will give the above re-
ward for both, or a proportion for either

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B. WILSON.

I do hereby forewarn all persons from
taking an assignment of two bonds I
have given, the one for one hun-
dred and thirty pounds, the other for one
hundred pounds, both payable in prop-
erty; As I have discharged both bonds, I
take this method to prevent any imposi-
tion, as I am determined not to give them
again. 47.
RALPH VANCELEAVE.

LEXINGTON.

Extract of a letter from the Hon. Judge Symme of
New-Jersey to his friend in Kentucky,

"I have succeeded in my application to Con-
gress for a grant of land on the federal side of
the Ohio, but instead of taking it, on the Wa-
bath as I proposed when with you, I have taken
all the land between the Miami rivers for about
eighty miles up in the country, I pay therefor
two thirds of a dollar per acre in certificates,
and will sell as I give, save the addition of one
penny per acre for surveying, and one farthing per
acre for other fees locating &c. this makes the land
come very low, I take it for granted that I must
have your good wishes, as a settlement once ef-
fected on the Miami, must ever after render your
country secure from Indians. I therefore expect
not only your prayers and good wishes but that
you will actually get on foot a subscription in fa-
vour of the new settlement, I mean sir, that you
should if you please, collect the names of such as
are willing to become purchasers or settlers; All
Military men of the late Continental Army may
have their bounty lands with me, and I shall have
some lands to give away to the poor and adven-
turous as I expect, for every purchaser who does
not settle in the country in two years, forfeits a
sixth part of his lands, to be bestowed on such as
will settle, in moderate allowances."

All persons who are willing to become purcha-
sers or settlers upon the above terms, will please to
transmit their names and quantity of acres with
their place of abode, to Thomas Marshall, who
will give Judge Symme a list of the same.

HUGH M'ILVAIN

Is now opening at his Store in Lexington; one door
above Mess. Alexander and James Parkers,

AN ASSORTMENT OF GOODS

Amongst which are
Broad cloth coating and half thick,.
Rote and striped blankets.
Feather velvet and calimars.
Fustians, jeanetts and corduroys.
Marsailles quiding.
Irish and table linen.
Persians, mode and sewing silk.
Twist and fine thread.
Lawn linen cotton and shawl handkerchief
Long lawn, chiniz and callicous.
Stockings, mens and womens gloves.
Broad and narrow bindings.
Black and flowered ribbons.
Wool hats and sewing needles.
Taffie and garters.
Brafs and iron wire.
Sleeve buttons, coat and jacket ditto.
Pen knives and knives and forks.
Files, rasps, darning and knitting needle
HL hinges, plane irons and centre bits.
Horse beams, plated and steel spurs.
Weeding hoes, country made pickles.
Shoe and knee buckles.
Tumblers, decanters and vinegar cruets.
Pewter basons and plates, Tea pots.
Writing paper and blank books.
Testaments, spelling books and primers,
Watts's psalms and other books of divinity
Peruvian bark, camphire, bruish oyl,
Antimony.
Tea, coffee, chocolate and loaf sugar, to-
gether with a number of other articles
too tedious to enumerate. if

Mr. Printer,

Some time before the very important dispute
between Messrs. Humphrey Marshall, and
Jordan Harris took place, which so long and a-
greeably entertained your good natured readers:
I observed in one of your numbers a piece signed
a Farmer, proposing sundry questions to the con-
sideration of our politicians. However small my
pretensions to that character may be, as no one
of your correspondents has published his reflec-
tions on these questions, I would at this time beg
leave through the medium of your paper to sug-
gest a few thoughts by way of answer to the first
seven of them, reserving the remainder for a fu-
ture number. But before I proceed, I would ob-
serve, that the right of suffrage, the mode of elec-
tion, and representation, and how far the legisla-
tive, Executive and Military powers may be with
safety blended, are in my humble opinion, ques-
tions deserving the attention of our Kentucky poli-
ticians; especially those who are members of the
present Convention.

The Farmers first question is "Ought not the
Constitution to have a clause declaring it self su-
perior land permanent, (Paramount, I suppose is
meant) to any law, or act of Assembly that can be
made contrary to it?" To this I answer in the affir-
mative else whence the use of a Constitution
which is or ought to be, not only superior to
but the basis of both law and Government. The
Constitution of a State is not only the guide of its
Legislature but the sacred immutable compact be-
tween the people and those whom, for their avar-
ice and security and happiness they appoint to legis-
late and govern. It is the touchstone of Law, an
barrier against innovation and tyranny; nor can
law be binding that is repugnant to it.

Question 2d. Ought it to have a clause decli-

ing (*securing* I presume is here intended) Religious freedom, and forbidding the Legislature to meddle in religious matters."

Answer. By all means it ought to have such a clause, and I will hazard an assertion, that it ought to be a leading clause in every constitution.

The exercises of religion are sacred transactions between God and his creatures to whom in those transactions they are alone accountable. Besides religious opinions, being an involuntary act of the mind, governed solely by persuasion and conviction, every attempt from the secular arm to controul it is equally vain, cruel and impious. It is the prerogative of Heaven, and is not to be invaded.

Question 3rd. "Ought it to have a clause respecting slavery, and what ought that clause to be." If African slavery is here intended, I confess this is a very interesting question, and deserves a more serious and minute enquiry, than I have either leisure or abilities to give it. Humanity in the tropic language urges that a clause ought to be inserted in our future Constitution, in favor of those unfortunate sufferers; but *what that clause should be*, how far it ought to extend; the reimbursements due those who hold them as property; and especially the disposal of them in a way that will give safety to the community, and a better fate to those miserable wretches, are questions which require the most mature and enlightened investigation; and I fear are involved in difficulties too complicated for our able politicians, I however most devoutly wish to see a subject, in which humanity and the rights of mankind are so deeply interested, fully and impartially discussed. The undertaking would be truly laudable and perhaps the future safety and happiness of those States may not be much less concerned in its success, I would only add a consideration, which with your serious readers must have weight, and for which I hope none of your readers are too polite to relish, that the practice of thus invading those poor creatures is a moral evil; the smallest of which ought not to be dispensed with for the attainment of the greatest natural good.

Question 4th. "Ought Preachers to have a seat in the Legislature? and ought they to bear arms?" To both parts of this Question I answer in the negative. The necessary pastoral exercises of a faithful Gospel minister is fully sufficient to employ his whole time and attention. Hence he is commanded to be instant in season and out of season, and to give himself wholly to the work. The faithful preacher will neither have leisure nor inclination to concern in politics, and he who is of an opposite character is not to be trusted.

Question 5th 6th and 7th. Ought clerks of courts, Surveyors, or practicing Attorneys, all of whose fees are established (rather *regulated*) by law, to be allowed seats in the Legislature? To each of these I also answer in the negative. The law very justly disqualifies a person from being a witness in a cause, in the event of which he is any ways interested, and from serving as a Juror on account of contiguity to either of the parties. How very incautious then, is that conduct which gives to any person a privilege of putting his hands into our pockets, and to take them out on his own terms. It deserves a remark, that however honest our intentions, we commonly rate our own services much higher than those performed by our neighbours; and however mistaken in the policy, we too frequently prefer private interest to public good. In a word interest and power are very intoxicating, and what makes them the more dangerous, their progress is frequently so minute, and subtil, that even the most discerning best discover it by a comparison of our present with our former condition; and, what still adds to the danger, and is not less a reproach to human nature, we too frequently conduct in those cases where our liberties are concerned, like the dejected bankrupt, who neglects his accounts, rather than make the painful discovery.

Upon the whole, the rights and property of a people cannot be too well guarded; and whilst self interest is a governing principle of mankind, nothing can be more absurd, than to delegate men to the important offices of legislation or government, whose interest in an degree reencounter to that of their constituents. Hence says a late author, not less celebrated for his abilities, than public virtue, "The most express declarations are necessary to protect the just rights of mankind, against the silent, powerful and ever active conspiracy of those who govern."

I therefore most devoutly hope, should our honest Farmer have a seat in the Kentucky convention, that he, with every other member will most heartily concur in establishing (as an irrevocable article in our future Constitution) "That no Clerk of a Court, Surveyor, or their deputy; no practicing Attorney, or any other person holding an Office, the fees

of which, are either directly or indirectly regulated by Law, shall be eligible to a seat in the Legislature, CORNPLANTER.

The way to make money plenty in every man's pocket.

At this time, when the general complaint is, that "money is scarce," it will be an act of kindness to inform the moneyless, how they may reinforce their pockets. I will acquaint them with the true secret of money-catching--the certain way to fill empty purses--and how to keep them always full. Two simple rules, well observed, will do the business.

1. Let honesty and industry be thy constant companions: and,
2. Spend one penny less than thy clear gains.

Then shalt thy hide-bound pockets soon begin to thrive, and will never again cry with the empty belly-ache: neither will creditors insult thee nor wants oppress, nor hunger bite, nor nakedness freeze thee. The whole hemisphere will shine brighter, and pleasure spring up in every corner of thy heart. Now, therefore embrace these rules and be happy. Banish the bleak winds of sorrow from the mind, and live independent; then shalt thou be a man, and not hide thy face at the approach of the rich, nor suffer the pain of feeling little when the fons of fortune walk at thy right hand; for independency, whether with little or much, is good fortune, and placeth thee on even ground with the proudest of the golden fleece. Oh, then, be wise! and let industry walk with thee in the morning, and attend thee until thou reachest the evening hour for rest. Let honesty be as the breath of thy soul, and never forget to have a penny when all thy expenses are enumerated and paid, then shalt thou reach the point of happiness, and independency shall be thy shield and buckler--thy helmet and crown; then shalt thy foot walk upright, nor stoop to the filken wretch because he hath riches, nor pocket an abuse because the hand which offers it, wears a ring set with diamonds.

Two blanks to a prize.

IN the lottery of life, lest dame fortune beguile,
This great truth we should ever premise,
That altho' the bright goddess may smiler & smile,
She has always--two blanks to a prize.

If a husband you take, miss -- or you fit a wife,
From this maxim divert not your eyes,
For of one and the other I'll venture my life,
There are more than --two blanks to a prize.

If in law you're entangl'd, why then silly man
As a friend, give me leave to advise.
Slip your neck from the collar, as fast as you can,
There are fifty-- two blanks to a prize.

And if for preferment you're striving at court,
Or by merit expect you shall rise,
Then your chance is not worth, fir, three fourths
of a groat;
There are ninety--two blanks to a prize.

On the fatal consequences of luxury.

THERE is no greater calamity can befall any people, than when luxury is introduced among them, especially where it becomes general and is carried to so great a height, that every individual is under some necessity of living beyond his fortune, or incurring the censure of being avaricious. A man once engaged in this extravagant course of living, is seldom able to extricate himself in time, but is hurried on to the brink of ruin, reduces a helpless family to want and misery, and must at length sink under a weight of misfortunes; or, through necessity, be driven to what may sacrifice his honour, country, conscience and every other consideration, to a present relief, which may -- which must -- at last end in his destruction. However amiable virtue and integrity may appear in our eyes human nature will find it difficult to withstand the threatening misery of immediate want. A prison staring a man in the face, continual duns at his door or a want of his accustomed pleasures, will drive him to extremities, which nothing but necessity could occasion. He is no longer master of himself; but, like a drowning man, catches at every thing, even his dearest friend, though he should perish with him. To what melancholy extremities will not this unhappy situation lead a man! to poverty, to shame, villainy, dependency, and disgrace: and, at length, to sell one's country, to support an idle extravagance. Let a man's income be what it may, if he lives beyond it, this will be the case sooner or later: and if ever a superior power should fall into such necessitous hands, the very thing which should make the people happy, the abundance of the public treasure, may, if arfully managed, prove the means of their destruction.

Mr. Bradford,

I HAVE seen a piece in your paper, wherein a Problem was propounded by some one, that seemed desirous of a solution; and a Theorem given, that would answer all such cases.

If no solution hath yet appeared, and you think this worthy of insertion, you will be pleased to exhibit it to the view of the Author of said piece.

The Problem is thus, --- "A Settlement of 400 acres of Land whose length is three times the breadth, it is required to lay off a preemption of 1000 acres around the same whose lines shall be equidistant from and parallel thereto for quantity." Questions of this nature may be solved by the following method. The only thing wanting is the distance from the settlement lines to where the preemption ditto must be, the which may be found by supposing the distance and working with it, as if it were the true number sought; and whatever it lacks or exceeds 1000 Acres is your error, by the same method find your second error, and work according to the rule of Double Position, and the result will be the true distance required.

1st. Position 90 Supposed to be the distance from the settlement lines to the preemption do.

180	
146.05	438.15
320.05	90
90	394350
29344.50	
2	7867.00
78667	

40)1375516 R 36
43438 R. 6 or
859.725

1st Error 1000 Acres	2d Position 100 Poles	438.15
2	200	100
146.05	346.05	43815.00
100	34605.00	2
2	69210	87630
87630		

40)1568410
43921 R. 1 or 980.05
980 R. 1 or 980.05
2d Error 19.5

1st. position.	2d. position.
90	100
14027.5	1777.5
12250.0	12250.0
120,525	1,639 poles,
1st. Error.	2d. Error.
140.275	10.75
100	19.75
14027.500	177.50

A REYNARD.

THE brave, but excentric general Lee, had so little regard to the rules of Politeness and civility, that he always spoke his opinions unreservedly, without regarding the offence or pain they might excite. Being one night at Albany, drinking with an old Scotch officer, when he began to mellow with the Wine, he told his companion that he had one fault which he begged him to overlook, which was to abuse the Scotch when he was in liquor. In troth, replied the officer, I shall readily forgive your fault, if you will overlook mine; it is, when I hear any person imperiently abusing Scotland or Scotchmen, when I am drunk or sober, I cannot refrain from laying my cane soundly over his shoulders. Now I will readily pardon your fault, if you will pardon mine. This reasonable hint made the general very polite the remainder of the night.

THE FOLLOWING

BLANKS

MAY BE HAD AT THIS OFFICE, Viz.
DEEDS, SUBPOENAS, REPLEVI and Com.
non BONDS, APPRENTICE'S INDEN-
TURES, &c. &c. &c.